

Old Spot plans 'merrie' feasting to boost its coffers

Gloucestershire's own piggy bank, The Old Spot Trust, is hoping local people will help boost its coffers by feasting and 'making merrie'.

The charitable trust promises 'ye night of fine entertainment' at a fundraising Medieval Banquet. Jesters, music from Bubonic Wind and fine food will be on offer for those prepared to don their Medieval togs and head to Over Farm, near Gloucester on Saturday 17 September 2011.

The Trust recently handed out just under £9,000 to charities, community groups and non profit making organisations throughout the county in its annual grant-giving. Applications from more than 35 groups aimed at helping Gloucestershire's people, animals, wildlife and environment were considered by Trustees. Among those receiving grants were Acorns Children's Hospice, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, the Friends of Kimbrose Lunch Club and Cinderford Hard of Hearing Club

The Old Spot Trust was set up in 2007 with the aim of helping to make Gloucestershire an even better place to live, work and enjoy.

"Our aim is to raise money to help Gloucestershire and we do this by holding events throughout the year," said Trustee Rob Keene. "It's the first time we have organised a Medieval Banquet for The Trust and it looks set to be a cracking night. People can come along and have great fun while knowing that they are helping local good causes."

The Trust's five Trustees run businesses in the county – Rob Ayland runs Completely Motoring at Staverton, Rob & Sue Keene run Over Farm Market near Gloucester and Hilary Allison & Caroline Rawlinson run Tewkesbury-based PR consultancy Vivid. They run the Trust on a voluntary basis so that the maximum amount of money raised can go directly to successful applicants.

Tickets for the Banquet cost £35.00 each and are available from Over Farm, near Gloucester on 01452 414975 or via the Trust's website at www.oldspotrust.co.uk

The list of successful applicants (covering the whole county unless stated otherwise) is:

Acorns Children's Hospice	Home Start – Stroud & Dursley
Active Gloucestershire	Mel Nicholls (potential Paralympian) -
2322 (Dowty) Squadron ATC - Arle	Bishops Cleeve
Churchdown Panthers Football Club	Nympsfield Playing Field Committee
Cinderford Hard of Hearing Club	Snapper (not for profit photographic
Coleford Area Market & Coastal Town	agency)
Initiative (MCTI)	Stonehouse After School & Breakfast
Friends of Kimbrose Lunch Club -	Club
Gloucester	Stroud in Bloom
Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity	Teckels Animal Sanctuary, Whitminster
Centre	The Family Haven - Gloucester
Gloucester Rowing Club	Time and Place (Working to save young
Gloucestershire Animal Welfare	lives on the road) - Cinderford
Association	Twynning Village Hall
Gloucestershire Chest Fund	
Gloucestershire Dance	
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	

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You can see more about The Old Spot Trust at www.oldspotrust.co.uk. If you would like to interview Rob or Sue Keene or set up a photo opportunity, please contact Hilary Allison at Vivid on 01684 854421 or email her at hilary@thevividconsultancy.com

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